## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Dosage forms and methods for providing a substantially ascending rate of release of paliperidone are provided. The sustained release dosage forms provide therapeutically effective average steady-state plasma paliperidone concentrations when administered once per day. This once-a-day dosing regimen results in only one peak plasma paliperidone concentration occurrence in each 24 hour period. In addition, the peak plasma paliperidone concentration occurs at a later time following dose administration and exhibits a lesser magnitude than the peak plasma paliperidone concentration that occurs following administration of paliperidone in an immediate-release dosage form.

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